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SUBJ: FOLKETING DEBATE ON EC

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BEGIN SUMMARY. PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE MAY 17 ON EC ONLY  
SKIRTED ISSUES OUTLINED IN NORGGAARD'S PRESENTATION MAY 16 (REF B)  
AND REVOLVED INSTEAD AROUND CHRONICALLY SENSITIVE ISSUES OF  
POLITICAL AND DEFENSE IMPLICATIONS OF EC MEMBERSHIP. RESOLUTION  
WAS PASSED EMPHASIZING DANISH VIEW THAT EC OBLIGATIONS DO NOT  
INCLUDE  
DEFENSE COOPERATION, A POINT FONMIN ANDERSEN STRESSED IN RECENT  
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TALKS IN BONN AND LONDON ( REF A). DEBATE ALSO HIGHLIGHTED DIFFICULTIES DANISH PARLIAMENTARIANS FACE IN FULFILLING BOTH THEIR DOMESTIC POLITICAL OBLIGATIONS AND DUTIES IN EUROPEANPARLIAMENT. END SUMMARY

1. RECENT EUROPEANPARLIAMENT RESOLUTION SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY OF DEFENSE COOPERATION IN EC TRIGGERED MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE TABLED BY LEFTIST PEOPLE' S SOCIALIST PARTY ( SF), AND CALLING ON FOLKETING

TO REJECT STRASBOURG RESOLUTION. MOTION FAILED 109 TO 28. SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND OPPOSITION MODERATE LIBERAL, RADICAL LIBERAL AND CONSERVATIVE PARTIES JOINED IN SPONSORING SUBSTITUTE MOTION EMPHASIZING THAT DENMARK' S EC MEMBERSHIP IS BASED ON EC TREATIES AND THAT THESE TREATIES DO NOT COVER MILITARY COOPERATION. MOTION PASSED 114 IN FAVOR, 20 OPPOSED, 4 ABSTENTIONS.

2. DISCUSSION OF MEANING OF PHRASE " EUROPEAN UNION" AND FOREIGN POLICY COOPERATION AMONG EC NINE FOLLOWED USUAL LINES, WITH SF SOUNDING ALARM ON THREATENEDLOSS OF DANISH SOVEREIGNTY AND OTHER PARTIES ADOPTING CAUTIOUS POSTURE, BUT ACCEPTING IDEA OF NON-BINDING " COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION OUTSIDE FORMAL EC FRAMEWORK".

3. CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS OF EUROPEANPARLIAMENT, KNJD THOMSEN AND KNUD BRO, WERE SHARPLY CRITIZED BY SOCIAL DEMOCRATS FOR SHIRKING THEIR DUTIES IN STRASBOURG. CONSERVATIVES WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN EUROPEANPARLIAMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK AS THEY CLAIM WORK PRESSURE IN FOLKETING AND LOCAL CONSTITUENCIES WILL NOT PERMIT THEM TO LEAVE DENMARK. CONSEQUENTLY, DANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATIVES IN EUROPEANPARLIAMENT MUST ALSO CANCEL PARTICIPATION, AS OTHERWISE GOVT RISKS COMING INTO MINORITY ON PARLIAMENTARY VOTES. ALTHOUGH PARLIAMENT HAS IN PAST MANAGED TO MEET THIS KIND OF PROBLEM BY PAIRING GOVT AND OPPOSITION MEMBERS, SYSTEM HAS BROKEN DOWN RECENTLY BECAUSE OF CONSERVATIVES REFUSAL, THUS TO GUARANTEE GOVT' S PRECARIOUS PARLIAMENTARYPOSITION. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARLIAMENTARIANS WILL THEREFORE HAVE TO STAY CLOSE TO HOME UNTIL PARLIAMENT RISES ABOUT JUNE 7. IF CONSERVATIVES DO NOT RELENT BY TIME PARLIAMENT REASSEMBLES IN FALL, GOVT MAY FIND ITSELF EMBARRASSED IN ATTEMPTING TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS TO CHAIR EC COUNCILS DURING SECOND HALF OF 1973

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